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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Jennifer E. Novosad

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 February 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 6, 7 and 10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 6, 7 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 06 October 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This non-final Office action is in response to the Request for Continued Examination and amendment filed February 3, 2006 by which claims 1 and 10 were amended and claims 9, 13, 154, and 19 were canceled. It is noted that claims 1, 6, 7, and 10 are pending.

It is noted that the amendment filed February 3, 2006 does not comply with 37 CFR 1.121. *In particular*, the examiner is simply reminding applicant, at this time, that the claims and arguments should each commence on a separate page. *However*, it is kindly requested that in reply to this Office action, along with any other corrections (as advanced below), that applicant assure that the claims commence on a separate sheet and that the remarks commence on a separate sheet.

Request for Continued Examination

The request filed on February 3, 2006 for a Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.17(e) based on parent Application No. 09/910,516 is acceptable and an RCE has been established. An action on the RCE follows.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim contains subject matter which was not described in

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the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. There is not proper support in the original specification, claims, and drawings for the recitations concerning each cover having a width "between 5.25 to 5.75 inches" and a height "between 4.75 to 5.25 inches" (see lines 3-4 of claim 1) and concerning the openings each having a width "between 5 inches to 6 inches" and a height "between 4.5 inches to 5.5 inches".

To correct this, the following changes to claim 1 are suggested:

The recitation "whereby each cover... inches in height" in lines 3-4 should be deleted.

The recitation "and each opening... inches in height" in lines 8-9 should be deleted. It is noted that the deletion of this recitation is not the entire recitation added in the amendment filed February 3, 2006, i.e., a portion of the beginning and a portion of the end of the recitation added in lines 7-10 should not be deleted.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 recites the limitation "its storage cover" in lines 14 and 15. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

To correct this, it appears that "cover" should be changed to --container--.

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Allowable Subject Matter

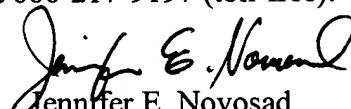
Claims 1, 6, 7, and 10 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 1st and 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jennifer E. Novosad whose telephone number is 571-272-6832. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 5:30am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard E. Chilcot can be reached on 571-272-6777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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